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SUBJECT: CASE OF DR. & MRS. POSADAS AND MR. & MRS. GARCIA

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1. JULY 14 AP (ZEITLIN) REPORTED ON CURRENT STATUS OF DR. ROGER POSADAS AND HIS WIFE LINDA AND DR. ESTER ALBANO-GARCIA AND HER HUSBAND JERROLD. ACCORDING TO AP, MRS. POSADAS WAS RELEASED AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF IMPRISONMENT. OTHERS REMAIN IN BICUTAN REHABILITATION CENTER. ACCORDING TO MRS. POSADAS' MOTHER (MRS. MERCY SANTIAGO), THE TWO COUPLES WERE HELD INCOMMUNICADO FOR ONE MONTH. DURING INTERROGATION THEY WERE PISTOL WHIPPED AND SUBJECTED TO ELECTRICAL SHOCK TREATMENT. MRS. SANTIAGO SHOWED ZEITLIN LETTERS FROM PROMINENT SCIENTISTS IN BRITAIN, BELGIUM, U.S. AND PHILIPPINES REQUESTING THAT MARCOS RELEASE THE DETAINEES.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL INQUIRY (REFTEL B) FROM SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE CONCERNING POSADASES AND GARCIAS. INQUIRY RESULT OF LETTERS FROM SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS. CHARGES OF SERIOUS MALTREATMENT COULD PROMPT ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES FROM SENATOR JAVITS AND PERHAPS OTHER CONGRESSMEN. GOP HAS NOT COMMENTED ON AP TORTURE REPORT.

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